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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM; INDEPENDENT SPANISH BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION, THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC., AND THE MINORITY MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

EB Docket No. 04-296

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On July 12, 2007, the Commission released a *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* addressing Next Generation EAS, better serving the needs of persons with disabilities and non-English speakers, expansion of the base of EAS participants, state-level and geographically targeted EAS alerts, and improved coordination with state and local governments.¹

On November 2, 2007, the *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding was published in the Federal Register.² The Federal Register announced that comments and reply comments on the questions raised in the Further Notice are due on the dates listed above. Comment filing instructions are set forth in the *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.³

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Thomas J. Beers, Deputy Chief, Policy Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0952.

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¹ Review of the Emergency Alert System; Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association, the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Petition for Immediate Relief, EB Docket No. 04-296, *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 22 FCC Rcd 13275 (2007)(*Second Report and Order*).

²See 72 Fed. Reg. 62123 (Nov. 2, 2007).

³ See Second Report and Order, 22 FCC Rcd at 13308-13309, ¶ 77.